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### ORAL ARGUMENT SET

Courtroom 912 – East Court Building

3:01 p.m. This is the time set for Status Conference on Motion to Consolidate, filed September 9, 2022, and the Motion for Order Approving Receiver's Final Claim Recommendations, filed September 14, 2022, as well as subsequent filings related thereto each of these via Court Connect. Plaintiff SWAZLAW, PLC is represented by counsel, Mark Deatherage. Defendant/Counterdefendant/Thirdpartyplaintiffs Cody James Jess and Scott R. Goldberg, Defendant Brooke Jess and Defendant/Thirdpartyplaintiff Hannah Romberg are represented by counsel, Keith L. Hendricks. Receivers David Reaves and Willanueva & Company, PC are represented by counsel, Ryan W. Anderson. Intervenor Morrisanderson & Associates Ltd. are represented by counsel, Khaled Tarazi.

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

Discussion is held regarding the status of the case.

The Court has received and reviewed Motion to Consolidate, filed September 9, 2022, and the Motion for Order Approving Receiver's Final Claim Recommendations, filed September 14, 2022, as well as subsequent filings related thereto each.

Oral argument commences on the Motion to Consolidate, filed September 9, 2022.

**IT IS ORDERED** consolidating CV2022-000529 to CV2020-001402 for all purposes. All further filings shall be made and all further proceedings shall be held in **CV2020-001402**.

**THE COURT NOTES** that this Order consolidating these two cases has no effect on CV2022-013031.

The Court has received and reviewed Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement Between Receiver and Gallagher and Kennedy, P.A. filed on November 4, 2022.

Further discussion is held regarding said Motion.

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** holding the Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement Between Receiver and Gallagher and Kennedy, P.A. filed on November 4, 2022 in abeyance, awaiting reply.

Further discussion is held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting an Evidentiary Hearing/Oral Argument on the pending Motion(s) for February 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. (time allotted: 3 hours). Counsel and any unrepresented parties shall appear in person for this hearing before:

THE HONORABLE SARA J. AGNE
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
EAST COURT BUILDING – 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR
COURTROOM 912
101 W. JEFFERSON
PHOENIX, AZ 85003
(602) 506-8288

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Requests for interpreters, court reporters or video conference must be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to the trial/hearing date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that exhibits shall be submitted via Case Center no later than, February 9, 2023.

### **EXHIBIT NOTICE**

This division uses Case Center, a state-wide electronic exhibit portal. All exhibits must be submitted through Case Center. The case will be initiated by the Clerk of Court one (1) week prior to the exhibit deadline. When the case has been initiated by the Clerk of Court, the attorney of record will receive an email invitation to the case created in Case Center. The attorney of record is responsible for inviting through Case Center any co-counsel or staff who need access to the case. The division welcomes counsel to participate in Case Center

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- 5. If large charts or blow-ups are anticipated to be used, please include a small version (or photo) which can be marked as the exhibit. The charts and blow-ups are used for demonstrative purpose only, are not marked as the exhibits, and are returned.

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Further information about Case Center and training materials can be found at: <a href="https://www.azcourts.gov/digitalevidence/Digital-Evidence-Information">https://www.azcourts.gov/digitalevidence/Digital-Evidence-Information</a>

For additional assistance in preparation of exhibits contact the Courtroom Clerk at: Jennifer.holguin@maricopa.gov

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no later than January 23, 2023 the Parties shall submit disclosures on whether this matter will be treated as an Evidentiary Hearing or Oral

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Argument and any witnesses and/or exhibits. Commensurate as well with a filing of Notice of Disclosure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting a Status Conference on January 27, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. (time allotted: 30 minutes) via Court Connect.

Please join the hearing via: https://tinyurl.com/ECB912

You may need to type the link directly into your browser in lieu of clicking.

You can also dial in using your phone.

Phone: +1 917-781-4590 and Conference ID: 642 102 793#

You may wish to download the Microsoft Teams application first before using the above link or typing it into your browser; for more on Court Connect, please visit:

<a href="https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/court-connect">https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/court-connect</a>

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Jess and Goldberg or the Schians are withdrawing any of the objections to any of the eight claims that have been identified, filings shall be made withdrawing those objections no later than **December 16, 2022**.

Further discussion is held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no later than December 16, 2022 counsel for Mr. Schian shall notify the Court if there is a conflict with the scheduled hearing date and time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no later than January 23, 2023 that Parties shall notify the Court if any witnesses will be testifying via Court Connect.

Further discussion is held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any further briefing on the Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement Between Receiver and Gallagher and Kennedy, P.A. filed on November 4, 2022 shall be submitted no later than **December 16, 2022**.

4:09 p.m. Matter concludes.

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